

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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1. Name of Traveler: Stephen Billy
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☐  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 4/18/14 Return: 4/27/14  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☐
4. Departure city: Washington D.C. Destination: Turkey Return city: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Meet with officials from the US embassy, Members of the Turkish Parliament, Professors and experts of Turkish foreign relations, ThinkTanks specializing in Turkish-US diplomacy, visited schools and members of the media
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
- a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: [Signature] DATE: 5/16/14

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Robert Pittenger DATE: 5/16/14

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: [Signature]

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations (MAFTAA)
2. Travel Destination(s): Turkey
3. Date of Departure: April 18, 2014 Date of Return: April 27, 2014
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Andrew Simpson, Joel Miller, Stephen Billy, Will Hupman, Tucker Knott  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1575	\$600	\$320	\$85.00 Parking & Entrance to Museums
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Mahmut Yeter

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations (MAFTAA)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 750 First Street, NE Suite#1125 Washington, DC 20002

Telephone number: 202-469-9292

Email Address: myeter@maftaa.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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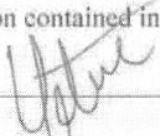
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TRAVELER FORM

Employee Name: Stephen Billy

Name of Traveler: Trip Name: Mid Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Asso.

Travel Destination: Istanbul, Turkey

Travel Dates: 04/18/2014

End of Trip: 04/27/2014

Will you be reimbursing the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will you be reimbursing the trip at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will you be reimbursing the trip at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of accompanying relative:

Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify):

Is the accompanying relative at least 18 years of age? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did the respondent answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, itinerary list, and any other attachments and completed sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times, and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

Handle Foreign Affairs issues and staff the Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. The planned meetings deal directly with those issues. My job is Legislative Assistant and I

Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who is under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I now understand that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is acting public officer for private gain.

Robert Pittenger

Signature of Employing Member

provide  
policy  
recommendations  
to Congress  
through  
this trip  
will allow me to further  
understand American  
relationship with Turkey  
and issues of  
terrorism  
in a  
direct  
manner

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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip):  
Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST & EXPLANATIONS
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: 04/18/2014 Date of return: 04/27/2014
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Turkey  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or  
b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

To introduce and provide broad exposure to Turkish political, economic, social issues to gain an  
understanding of topics including national security, foreign policy, trade, economic development,  
remarkable achievements of the civil society, religious diversity and minority rights. Role of MAFTAA  
is to promote mutual understanding through dialog and discussion among the Congress Staff & the  
Turkish authorities/civilians.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☒ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or  
b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$50.00

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
Turkey is a very significant place for the US in strategic, political  
and commercial interest of both countries in the Middle East, Central Asia  
and Europe overlap.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name:	<u>Princess Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Istanbul</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$130</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>Locations &amp; Affordability</u>				
Hotel name:	<u>Best Western</u>	City:	<u>Izmir</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$110</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>Locations &amp; Affordability</u>				
Hotel name:	<u>Hotel Metropolitan Ankara</u>	City:	<u>Ankara</u>	Cost per night:	<u>\$110</u>
Reason(s) for selecting:	<u>Locations &amp; Affordability</u>				



17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1300air/\$275grou	\$600	\$320
For each accompanying relative			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$85.00	Parking & Entrance to the Museums
For each accompanying relative		

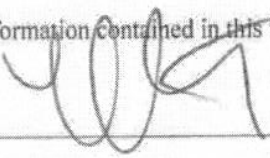
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or  
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Mahmut Yeter

Name:

Executive Director

Title:

Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations

Organization:

750 First St. Suite #1125 NW Washington DC 20002

Address:

202-469-9292

Telephone number:

executive@maftaa.org

Email address:

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Mr. Stephen Billy  
Office of the Honorable Robert Pittenger  
224 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Billy:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey, scheduled for April 18 to 27, 2014, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic American Associations.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value<sup>1</sup> tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> "Minimal value" for FGDA purposes is currently \$350. However, the amount is recalculated every three years by the General Services Administration (GSA). It is due to increase slightly retroactive to January 1, 2014, but the GSA has not yet announced the new amount.



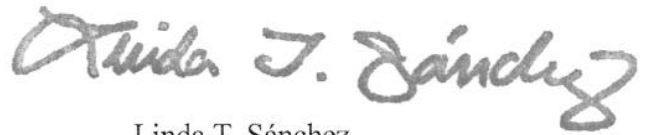
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

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K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Linda T. Sanchez in dark ink.

Linda T. Sanchez  
Ranking Member

KMC/LTS:re

STATE	OFFICE	POSITION	FULL NAME
DE	John Carney	COS	Elizabeth Hart
KY	Ed Whitfield	COS	Cory Hicks
MD	Steny Hoyer	COS	Alexis Covey-Brandt
MD	John Delaney	COS	Lisa Bianco
MD	Elijah E. Cummings	COS	Vernon Simms
NC	G. K. Butterfield, Jr.	COS	Troy Clair
NC	George Holding	COS	Tucker Knott
VA	Rob Wittman	COS	Mary Springer
VA	Scott Rigell	COS	Chris Connelly
VA	Morgan Griffith	LD	Will Hupman
NC	Robert Pittinger	LA	Stephen Billy
NC	Mike McIntyre	LA	Andrew Simpson
NC	Richard Hudson	LD	Michael Thornberry
NC	Robert Pittenger	LD	Austen Jensen
NC	Patrick McHenry	LD	Jennifer Flitton
NC	Mark Meadows	LD	Philip Newman
NC	George Holding	LD	Jonathan Nabavi
VA	Rob Wittman	LD	Jamie Miller
VA	Scott Rigell	LD	John Thomas
VA	J. Randy Forbes	LD	Sarah Seitz
VA	Robert Hurt	LD	Bryan Wood
VA	Bob Goodlatte	LD	Carrie Meadows
VA	Eric Cantor	LD	Cort Bush
VA	Scott Rigell	FOR. POL.	John Thomas
VA	Bobby Scott	FOR. POL.	Carolyn Hughes
VA	J. Randy Forbes	FOR. POL.	Alex Gray
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VA	Eric Cantor	FOR. POL.	Joel Katz
KY	Brett Guthrie	FOR. POL.	Joel Miller

	<b>FINAL ITINENARY</b>
<b>18-April Friday</b>	<b>Depart from Dulles Airport by Turkish Airlines at 10:55pm</b>
<b>19-April Saturday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
4:15pm	Arrive in Istanbul
5:30pm	Transfer to Hotel
6:00pm	Check into the hotel & rest for ~ 2 hrs.
8:00pm	Dinner at Pirpirim Restaurant
10:00pm	End of Day--Return to Hotel
<b>20-April Sunday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
8:00am	Breakfast at hotel
9:00am	Visit Hagia Sophia
11:00am	Topkapi Palace
12:30pm	Lunch at Muradan Restaurant
1:30pm	Visit Blue Mosque and Sultanahmet Square
4:00pm	Boat tour of the Bosphorus Strip
7:00pm	Have Dinner with a local family
9:00pm	End of Day--Return to Hotel
<b>21-April Monday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
9:00am	Breakfast with Prof. Ergun Ozbudun - Turkey on changing the constitution-
11:30am	Visit Turkey Promotion Agency-Turkish Economic Development
1:00pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Visit Today's Zaman Newspaper HQ - Bulent Kenes, Editor-in-Chief, Today's Zaman
5:00pm	Visit Fatih High School
7:30pm	Meeting with Prominent Businessmen in TUSKON in honor of Delegation
9:30pm	End of Day--Return to Hotel
<b>22-April Tuesday</b>	<b>Izmir</b>
	Breakfast at Hotel/Check out Hotel
7:00am	Flight to Izmir
8:00am	Arrive in Izmir
9:00am	Check in Hotel
10:30am	Visit Konak Municipality- Meet Mayor Dr. Hakan Tartan
1:00pm	Visit Sifa Hospital meet with Doctors
3:30pm	Visit Ephesus, Virgin Mary's House and Basilica of St. John
8:00pm	Dinner roundtable with Izmir Young Businessmen Association in Kusadasi
	End of Day--Return to Hotel
<b>23-March Wednesday</b>	<b>Ankara</b>
	Breakfast at Hotel-Checkout
7:00am	Early flight to Ankara
8:00am	Arrive in Ankara
	Check into the hotel & Rest for ~ 2hrs.
12:00pm	Lunch roundtable with American Desk at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3:00pm	Visit Cankaya Mansion (the official residence of the President of Turkey)



4:30pm	Roundtable with Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research for Turkish Domestic and Foreign Policies
7:30pm	Dinner with Yedirenk Women Association (Women in Turkey)
<b>24-March Thursday</b>	<b>Ankara</b>
8:30am	Breakfast at Hotel
10:00am	Visit Grand National Assembly of Turkey meeting with the members of parliament
12:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Meeting with CHP Parliamentarian Faik Tunay
4:00pm	Visit Mayor of Kecioren
6:30pm	Dinner at Samanyolu High School-meet with students
8:30pm	End of Day--Return to Hotel
<b>25-March Friday</b>	<b>Nevsehir/Cappadocia</b>
8:30am	Breakfast & Checkout
	Bus trip to Cappadocia (3.5hr trip)
12:00	Lunch with Mayor of Nevsehir Mr.Hasan Unver
2:30	Visit Cappadocia and Underground Museum
4:30pm	Visit a local business
7:00pm	Have Dinner with a local family
9:40pm	Flight back to Istanbul
11:30pm	End of Day--Check in Hotel
<b>26-March Saturday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
8:30am	Breakfast at Hotel
10:00am	Visit Kimse Yokmu Foundation (Helping Hands of Turkey)
12:00am	Visit Journalist and Authors Foundation
1:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Samanyolu TV Headquarters (Largest TV station in Turkey)
4:30pm	Free Time
8:00pm	Analysis Dinner (Consulting dinner to go over the entire trip)
10:30pm	End of Day Back to Hotel
<b>27-March Sunday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
	Flight back to US

**\* In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.**

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<b>20-April Sunday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast at hotel</b>
<b>9:00am-11:00am</b>	<b>Orientation Meeting</b> Discussed the itinerary in detail and went over the dignitaries, offices and families to visit.
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Visit Topkapi Palace &amp; Interact with Turkish Military on Securing Seashores of Istanbul</b> The imperial palace of the Ottoman Empire for 400 years, now a museum and a military base.
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch at Muradan Restaurant</b>
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Visit Hagia Sophia</b> Historian Aykut Ayik (Guide) Former Greek Orthodox patriarchal basilica (church), later an imperial mosque, and now a museum in Istanbul, Turkey. One of the most significant sites and an important political transition milestone from Ottoman Empire to the founding of the Republic of Turkey.
<b>4:45pm</b>	<b>Dinner with businessman Necati Eser &amp; his family</b> Host families' are arranged to present Turkish culture, cuisine and family life. Also giving participants an environment to interact with locals. Mr.Eser shared his business experiences and business opportunities in Turkey.
<b>9:00pm</b>	<b>End of Day-- Return to Hotel</b>
<b>21-April Monday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast with Prof. Ihsan Yilmaz - Turkey on changing the constitution &amp; upcoming elections &amp; EU Membership Progress</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Visit Turkish Review Magazine &amp; Discuss details of the magazine and comparison to other magazines around the world.</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Visit Today's Zaman Newspaper Headquarters- Columnist Sevgi Akarcesme, to discuss media relations &amp; comparatives to western media.</b>
<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>Visit Fatih High School</b> One of the most successful private high schools in Turkey. Participants will interact with students and staff.
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Have Dinner with a local family</b> Host families' are arranged to present Turkish culture, cuisine and family life. Also giving participants an environment to interact with locals.
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Flight to Izmir with Turkish Airlines</b>
<b>9:45pm</b>	<b>Arrival in Izmir &amp; Check into Izmir Hilton</b>
<b>22-April Tuesday</b>	<b>Izmir</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast at Hotel</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Visit Sifa Hospital meet with Doctors</b>

	One of the most advanced hospitals of Turkey. Discuss the Turkish healthcare system.
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch at a Restaurant</b>
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>“Academic Success” Discussion w/staff at Private Yamanlar High School</b> Won the most successful high school award in Izmir and made it to top 10 High Schools in the Nation according to Ministry of Education of Turkey.
<b>5:10pm</b>	<b>Meeting with Prominent Businessmen in TUSKON</b> TUSKON is one of the biggest business confederations in Turkey having offices all around the world including the US. The meeting will consist of methods on enhancing economic relations between US & Turkey.
<b>7:20pm</b>	<b>Dinner roundtable with Izmir Young Businessmen Association in Izmir</b> Presentation on various sectors active in the association and what possible potential could parties contribute to enhance business relations with the US.
<b>9:45pm</b>	<b>Flight to Ankara with Turkish Airlines</b>
<b>11:00pm</b>	<b>Arrival in Ankara &amp; Check into Aktif Metropolitan Hotel</b>
<b>23-April Wednesday</b>	<b>Ankara</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast at Hotel</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Visit Journalist and Authors Foundation</b> Being one of the first organizations of its kind in Turkey. Mr.Ibrahim Anli will present the programs & activities of the organization for the Turkish public from all backgrounds.
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Ankara Strategy Institute (think-tank)</b> Roundtable discussion on domestic politics.
<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Visit to Cankaya Mayor Alper Tasdelen</b> Cankaya is the most prestigious district in Ankara, for having the Parliament in their jurisdiction. Briefing on Cankaya District’s
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Visit to Anitkabir-Ataturk’s Mausoleum</b> Final resting place of Ataturk-founding father of the Republic. Customary visit to his mausoleum and museum is protocol for all foreign guests.
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner with Boydak family</b> Mr. Boydak is the International Relations Director of Boydak Holding-a major exporting company in multiple sectors.
	<b>End of Day--Return to Hotel</b>



<b>24-April Thursday</b>	<b>Ankara</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast at Hotel</b>
<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Visit Grand National Assembly of Turkey meeting with the members of parliament</b> Republican Peoples Party Deputy Chair-MP Mr.Aykan Erdemir
<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Tour of Grand National Assembly of Turkey by Independent MP Idris Bal</b> Tour of the parliament and discussing contemporary domestic and international issues of Turkey as an Independent Parliamentarian
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Visit to American Embassy</b> Briefing on US-Turkey Relations
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Visit Turgut Ozal University</b> A private University with top of the line technological advancements and successful ratings. Talking with students on college life and their views on the US.
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Dinner at Ahmet Ulusoy High School-meet with students</b> One of the prestigious private high schools. Participants will interact with students and staff and will receive a presentation on the education system in Turkey.
<b>9:30pm</b>	<b>End of Day--Return to Hotel</b>
<b>25- April Friday</b>	<b>Nevsehir/Cappadocia</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Checkout</b>
	<b>Bus trip to Cappadocia (3.5hr trip)</b>
<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Lunch with Mayor of Nevsehir Mr.Hasan Unver</b> Private lunch with the Mayor and presentations on Municipal achievements for making the city more tourist friendly and highlighting local government role in a parliamentary system.
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Visit Cappadocia and Underground Museum</b> Volcanic formations dating back to 6 <sup>th</sup> century BC, which later served as carved homes and hideouts for early Christians in Anatolia. Today, it is one of the biggest open-air museums in the world with underground caverns.
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Visit a local business</b> Local entrepreneur interaction gives participants a chance to understand regular people's take on the country's economy with the compliments of Turkish hospitality.
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Have Dinner with a local family</b> Host families' are arranged to present Turkish culture, cuisine and family life. Also giving participants an environment to interact with locals.
<b>9:40pm</b>	<b>Flight back to Istanbul</b>
<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>End of Day-- Check in Hotel</b>
<b>26- April Saturday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Breakfast at Hotel</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Visit Kimse Yokmu Foundation (Helping Hands of Turkey)</b> The biggest internationally active Turkish Humanitarian organization. Briefing from Mr.Metin Cetiner on the organization's achievements & future projects around the world.
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>CIHAN News Agency</b> Discussed press rights and freedoms in Turkey & What are some of the challenges facing Cihan News Agency and agencies alike.
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Samanyolu TV Headquarters (Largest TV station in Turkey)</b> Anchor Kemal Gulen briefing on media in Turkey.

<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Visit Blue Mosque and Sultanahmet Square</b> Historic mosque built as the first imperial mosque in 1616 by Sultan Ahmed I, one of Turkey's most visited tourist sites.
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Analysis Dinner</b> (Consulting dinner to go over the entire trip & go over contacts made during the trip and how they can benefit relations back home)
<b>10:30pm</b>	<b>End of Day Back to Hotel</b>
<b>27- April Sunday</b>	<b>Istanbul</b>
	<b>Flight back to US</b>

**\* In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.**